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First Named Inventor	Heinz-Walter JOSEPH et al.
Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Virginia Manoharan
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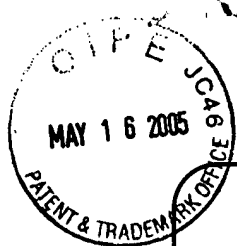
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